

Bathampton Primary School
Start of Term letter
Term One 2009



Dear Parents.

I hope that you and your children had a fantastic summer holiday, and feel refreshed and ready for the new season.

A special welcome to the new families starting this term. I do hope that your first days with the school are happy ones, and that your children settle in quickly. Please let your child's class teacher or teaching assistant know if your child has any problems; most can be sorted out quickly.

Congratulations to Jon and Suzy Yardley on the birth of Florence, a sister for Rowan and Ellwyn and to Jenny and Russell Franks on the arrival of Rosa.

Congratulations are also due to Miss Bergmann who has just announced her engagement, Ms Ovigne who was married during the summer, and to Richard Jones who is getting married this weekend. Its an exciting time for the school community!

It is a pleasure to welcome our new Reception teacher and Key Stage One Leader Mrs Evans to the school, and also Mrs Chak who is working as a lunch time supervisor (S.M.S.A.)

Starting school in 2010

Do you have a child that is starting school in September 2010? A reminder that the application deadline is at 4.30pm on 23rd October 2009. The admissions criteria for this and some other schools have changed so it's worth studying the handbook, which is also available online at the B&NES website.

Induction Meetings

Class teachers are keen to give parents an opportunity to find out details about class routines and learning goals. Two sessions have been organised for each class. The times and dates are noted in the Diary Date section of this letter. The teachers will also be sending home information about the curriculum and class routines. Please keep these handy as a reminder. They should also be available on the website.

Maths Calculations Curriculum Evening

Are you up to speed with modern maths methods? There will be a Maths Curriculum Evening for all parents with Ms Johnson at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 29th September, with an afternoon session on Wednesday 30th September from 2.00 p.m. to the end of school. We strongly recommend coming to one of these sessions as a way of understanding how your child is learning to calculate and think mathematically.

Uniform

We would be grateful if all parents could ensure that their child is dressed in the correct uniform. Children with long hair should have it tied back. Studs rather than earrings may be worn. Trousers should be tailored, and either black or grey. Socks should be black, navy, white or grey. Shoes should be black or dark navy blue. PE kit should be worn for all PE lessons, and should be in school every day. Tracksuits may be worn for winter games. We suggest that trainers are appropriate for the field, and that daps are checked periodically for fitting. We would be grateful if families could ensure all items are named!

Key dates

Please note class induction sessions for parents in the diary dates.
Maths Curriculum Evening/Afternoon for all parents with Ms Johnson with a choice of
Tues 29th September 7.00 p.m., or
Wed 30th September from 2.00 p.m
Harvest Festival Monday 5th October 9.30 a.m.
INSET Day Wed 21st October

Governors

In July a superb parent governor finished her time with us. Linda Davis supported the school in many different ways, including through the Friends and as a Governor. She has retired from the governing body and we are looking for a replacement. We find that it is best for parents to start in this role after at least one or two years in order that they have had a chance to see how the school operates. If you are interested please let me know by the end of September. If there is more than one candidate we will arrange an election.

Parent Questionnaires

Many thanks to all the parents who returned the annual Parent Questionnaires, and to those who returned the Strategic Plan Questionnaires. Both of these were collated during the summer holiday and will be used to help the school become an even better place for children to learn. The governors will be getting copies of both these documents.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival will be at 9.30 a.m. on Monday 5th October. We would like children to bring in tins for Julian House from Monday 28th September. The collection will once again go towards the RUH Neo-Natal 'Space to Grow' appeal.

Time keeping

As usual it is worth emphasising that the school doors open at **8.40 a.m.**

All children need to arrive by 8.45 a.m. to give them time to hang up coats and get organised **before** 8.50 a.m. when registers are taken.

Traffic can be unpredictable so it is advisable to build in time to allow for unforeseen problems.

Snacks

Children were very good last term at just bringing in healthy snacks such as fruit. Chocolate and sweets are not allowed, and I do ask for your co-operation regarding this. We are also asking that children having birthdays or returning from holidays do not bring in sweets as a gift to the class as this conflicts with our Healthy Schools status.

Keep drinking water

Drinking sufficient water helps children to learn and it helps them to stay happy. The vast majority of children are continuing to use their water bottles in school. Replacement bottles are available from the school shop at a cost of £1.00 per bottle. Please note that squash is not to be brought in.

Clubs

We are hoping to initiate a Year One Multi Sports Club. Watch this space.

Building Improvements

Our caretaker Mike Ball has decorated Class Three during the holidays, so we hope that the children enjoy the new look classroom.

Parking Alert!

Dorothy Miley, B&NES Parking Manager has informed us that the Parking Enforcement Team are running a joint operation with the Police to visit schools at arrival and departure times to encourage parents arriving in vehicles to park safely and considerately. It is hoped that this action will improve the parking situation making it safer for pedestrians and hopefully encouraging more parents and children to walk to school.

She has asked schools to remind parents that the Council's enforcing team can enforce all parking restrictions and also enforce a new contravention where drivers can receive a penalty charge notice for parking their vehicles over a dropped kerb crossing whether it be for vehicles or pedestrians.

Car Parking

We encourage children to walk to school where possible even if this is only from The George.

We ask that parents park with consideration, preferably using the George Car Park.

It is particularly important that cars are not double parked, turned or reversed outside the school.

Please add these dates to the family calendar/s

September

Monday 14th Class 2 & 4 Induction Sessions for Parents
2.30-3.10 p.m.

Tuesday 15th Sportworks Clubs start this week with Matt Williams (Football/ Rugby)

Class 2 & 3 Induction Sessions for Parents 2.30-3.10 p.m.

Wednesday 16th Class 4 & 5 Induction Sessions for Parents
2.30-3.10 p.m.

Thursday 17th Class 3 & 5 Induction Sessions for Parents
2.30-3.10 p.m.

Story Club starts 3.20 p.m.

Monday 21st New School Council elected this week

Friday 25th Class Three to Rocks East

Tuesday 29th First School Council Meeting

Maths Calculations Curriculum Evening 7.00- 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday 30th Individual Photographs (All staff and pupils)

Maths Calculations Curriculum Afternoon 2-3.10 p.m.

October

Monday 5th Reception children in full time

Harvest Festival in St Nicholas 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 6th Class Four to Roman Museum Cirencester

Governors' meeting 7.15-9.00pm

Friday 9th Admiral Arthur Phillips, Memorial Service 11.00 a.m. (Year 3 and above)

E-Safety

An information evening to help you keep your children safe online at

Ralph Allen School (Claverton Down Road, Combe Down) 15th October from 7.00-8.00 p.m.

All welcome

This evening is run by B&NES Local Safeguarding Children Board in association with South West Grid for Learning

For further information on Internet Safety check out the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) website (Thinkuknow? section)

Friday 16th Ted's Big Day Out (Mufti/ Blue and Silver)

Tuesday 20th End of Term for pupils

Wednesday 21st INSET Day School Self-Assessment

November

Monday 2nd Start of Term 2

Family Assemblies (School 'Houses')

Parent/ teacher interview fortnight

Tuesday 10th (& 17th 24th and 1st December) Pedestrian Training for Class Three (Volunteers needed)

Friday 20th Wear Blue Anti-Bullying day (Mufti)

Class Four visiting Roman Baths (a.m.)

Friday 27th Class Four Roman Meal

December

Friday 11th Class Two Party

Monday 14th Class One Party

Tuesday 15th Classes Three Party

Wednesday 16th Carol Service 2pm

Thursday 17th Class Five Party

Friday 18th Class Four Party

End of Term 2

January 2007

Monday 4th Term 3 starts